

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1283

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 1786 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to homeless youth.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1283, as introduced, Bonilla. Homeless youth: service providers.

The federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 establishes a state advisory group that is required to fulfill certain duties relating to runaway and homeless youth, including, among other things, developing a directory of service providers and studying the feasibility and establishment of a statewide referral system for runaway and homeless youth.

This bill would require the state advisory group to study the feasibility of the establishment of an Internet Web site for runaway and homeless youth that would include a directory of service providers and the rights of homeless and runaway youth.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1786 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 1786. The advisory group shall do all of the following:
- 4 (a) Identify existing programs dealing with runaway and
- 5 homeless youth.

- 1 (b) Develop a directory of service providers.
- 2 (c) Study the feasibility of the establishment of a statewide
- 3 referral system (a “hotline”) for runaway and homeless youth *and*
- 4 *the establishment of an Internet Web site for runaway and homeless*
- 5 *youth that would include a directory of the service providers*
- 6 *identified pursuant to subdivision (b) and the rights of homeless*
- 7 *and runaway youth.*
- 8 (d) Compile statistics on runaway and homeless youth.
- 9 (e) Identify existing and potential funding sources for services
- 10 to runaway and homeless youth.
- 11 (f) Coordinate and provide advice to administrators of programs
- 12 relating to runaway and homeless youth on issues relating to federal
- 13 funding of those programs.
- 14 The advisory group shall report to the Governor and the
- 15 Legislature annually.
- 16 The staff provided to the advisory group for the purpose of this
- 17 article shall seek funding for the activities specified in this section
- 18 from existing agencies, both federal and state, as well as from
- 19 private funding sources.